

# Colby to talk about new U.S. policy options at LSU

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Ex-CIA Director William Colby says U.S. national security is entering a new phase in which economic support for former communist zones will become more important than preserving military strength.

"This period we're now in is as important as the late '40s — the end of an era of danger and the time to reconstruct a new world," Colby said Monday in a telephone interview.

He is scheduled to speak tonight at LSU.

Colby compared 1990 to the post-World War II period when the United States financed the reconstruction of Europe through the Marshall Plan. Congress authorized \$12 billion to European countries from 1947-1951.

Colby said the time is ripe for the world's three economic centers — North America, the Pacific Rim and Western Europe — to increase their financial support for former communist zones and third-world nations because the danger of the Soviet Union is receding.

"Now it's clear the Cold War is coming to an end because Mr. Gorbachev sees his economy is collapsing and he can't use his military forces," said Colby, director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 1973-1976.

Colby said the big challenge for Uncle Sam is forming a partnership with the other economic powers to provide aid to nations whose economies are turning to free enterprise.

The Soviet Union appears ready to enter the free-market economy, but China probably will be apprehensive, he said.

"The Chinese thought they could open the economy without opening the politics," Colby said. The result was a cry for freedom and the ultimate crackdown on student protesters at Tiananmen Square in Beijing, followed by a reaction against free markets, he said.

The Soviets have the opposite problem, Colby said.

"Gorbachev has been successful in opening the politics but not the economics," he said.

Reflecting on the changes in the CIA since he was director, Colby said the agency places more emphasis on arms-control verification. He added that the

opening up of information in the Soviet Union is helpful for the agency.

Although the CIA is still busy in Moscow, "information we once sought is in the newspapers now," Colby said.

While not traveling on the lecture circuit, Colby is an adviser to a Washington, D.C., law firm and does international consulting. His book on Vietnam, "Lost Victory," was recently published.

Colby is to speak on "National Security in a Changing World: U.S. Policy Options in the '90s" at 7:30 tonight in the LSU Union Colonnade.

His appearance is the fifth lecture in a series sponsored by Bienville House Center for Peace and Justice, Common Cause, the Uniting Campus Ministry, Peace Links, the YWCA, and the League of Women Voters. The lecture is free.

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